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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 8792

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: INDIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE "PRG"

REF: NEW DELHI 7594

1. DURING ROUTINE CALL JULY 1 ON THE NEW GOI ACTING CONSUL GENERAL IN SAIGON, G.A. POPPEN, EMBOFF RAISED THE SUBJECT OF RECENT "PRG" DELEGATION VISIT TO NEW DELHI. POPPEN INSISTED THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE CONTEMPLATED IN GOI RELATIONS WITH "PRG": HE EXPLAINED THAT WHILE FOREIGN MINISTER SINGH MAY HAVE STATED THAT RELATIONS WITH "PRG" ARE "UNDER CONSIDERATION" THIS ONLY MEANS THAT THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN GOI AND VARIOUS VIETNAMESE PARTIES IS UNDER CONTINUING CONSIDERATION, "AS IT HAS BEEN FOR MANY YEARS NOW."

2. EMBOFF ASKED POPPEN, WHO HAS BEEN HERE FOR THREE MONTHS, WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAD BEEN OR WILL BE ANY CONSIDERATION OF ELEVATING HIS POSITION TO FULL CONSUL GENERAL, AND DROPPING THE TERM "ACTING". HE REPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF THIS EITHER, NOR DID HE CONTEMPLATE THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HE CITED THIS AS
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ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GOI'S DESIRE TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY NO FURTHER

MOVES IN QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF VIETNAMESE PARTIES, AND STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT INTERPRETED THE PARIS ACCORDS TO MEAN THAT OUTSIDE PARTIES SHOULD DO NOTHING TO INTERFERE WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES TO COME TO AGREEMENT ON THEIR OWN. THE GOI INTERPRETS THIS TO MEAN THAT IT SHOULD NOT EXTEND RECOGNITION TO THE "PRG". HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE HAD BEEN A REQUEST TO OPEN A "PRG" INFORMATION OFFICE IN NEW DELHI, AND STATED QUITE DEFINITELY THAT THIS REQUEST HAD ALSO BEEN REJECTED, AND WAS NOT UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IN NEW DELHI.

3. COMMENT: POPPEN'S STATEMENTS ARE SOMEWHAT LESS FAVORABLE TO "PRG" THAN POSITION REPORTED PARA 2 REFTEL, BUT HE MAY BE TAILORING HIS REMARKS TO LOCAL AUDIENCE. END COMMENT.
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